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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU TO  
PRESIDENT CARTER

1. PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU HAS ASKED THAT I CONVEY TO PRESIDENT  
CARTER HIS DEEP CONCERN ABOUT DETERIORATING SITUATION IN THE  
MIDDLE EAST, AND ASKS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER MAKE EVERY EFFORT  
TO PERSUADE PREMIER BEGIN TO WITHDRAW ISRAELI TROOPS FROM  
LEBANON.

2. THIS MESSAGE WAS GIVEN TO ME IN MY CALL 6:30 P.M. BUCHAREST  
MARCH 18 AT HIS URGENT REQUEST BY CEAUSESCU'S  
CLOSEST FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR, RCP CC FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRE-  
TARY STEFAN ANDREI.

3. ANDRIE SAID CEAUSESCU HAD JUST SENT PERSONAL APPEAL TO BEGIN  
VIA ISRAELI AMBASSADOR IN BUCHAREST.

4. ACCORDING TO ANDREI, GOR FEARS THAT PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN  
MIDDLE EAST BY EFFORTS OF U.S. AND SADAT, PROGRESS IN WHICH  
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ROMANIA HAS HAD IMPORTANT ROLE, IS NOW THREATENED BY ISRAELI  
ACTION FOLLOWING PALESTINIAN TERRORIST RAID. GOR FEARS THAT RE-  
JECTION FROM, PARTICULARLY IRAQ, IS MAKING EFFORT TO  
CAPITALIZE ON SITUATION TO SADAT'S DISADVANTAGE. THERE IS  
SOME TALK ON "COUP D'ETAT" WITHIN PLO TO MOVE MORE RADICAL  
FACTION INTO POWER.

5. ROMANIANS WILL CONTINUE TO EXERCISE PERSUASION ON BEGIN AND ON SYRIA, WHERE THEY CONSIDER THEIR INFLUENCE CAN BE USEFUL. THEY ARE EXPECTING DAYAN HERE, BUT ONLY ON APRIL 2, AND FEAR SITUATION MAY BE WELL OUT OF HAND BY THAT TIME.

6. ANDREI SAID WE SHOULD MEET AGAIN NEXT WEEK FOR GENERAL REVIEW PRIOR TO CEAUSESCU'S VISIT, BUT STRESSED HE IS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE SHOULD THE U.S. HAVE ANY URGENT MESSAGES FOR PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU. AGGREY

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